

Year: 3
 Term: Spring 2
 Topic: How did Britain change during prehistory?



Forever Facts

The **Stone Age** is the name given to the earliest period of human culture to 2,300BC. This period is often divided into three time periods - **Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic**.

The **Bronze Age** is the name given to when **bronze replaced stone** for making tools and weapons. This was from 2,300BC to 800BC.

The **Iron Age** is the name given to when **iron was the metal** used for making tools. This was between 800BC and 43BC.

During the **Stone Age**, **houses were often found in caves** in which people would create complex tunnels for protection. This changed by **Iron Age** as the invention of the **roundhouse** meant that families could live in shelter and have living space to cook food and sleep.

During the **Stone Age**, people were considered to be **hunter gatherers** that would move from different areas in search of food and shelter. This changed by the **Iron Age as farming** (crops and animals) was introduced as a way of feeding communities in closer areas.

Communities changed during Prehistoric Britain. Mostly due to the **development of farming**. Homes became more sophisticated, communities got bigger and settled in one place.

Stone Age



Bronze Age

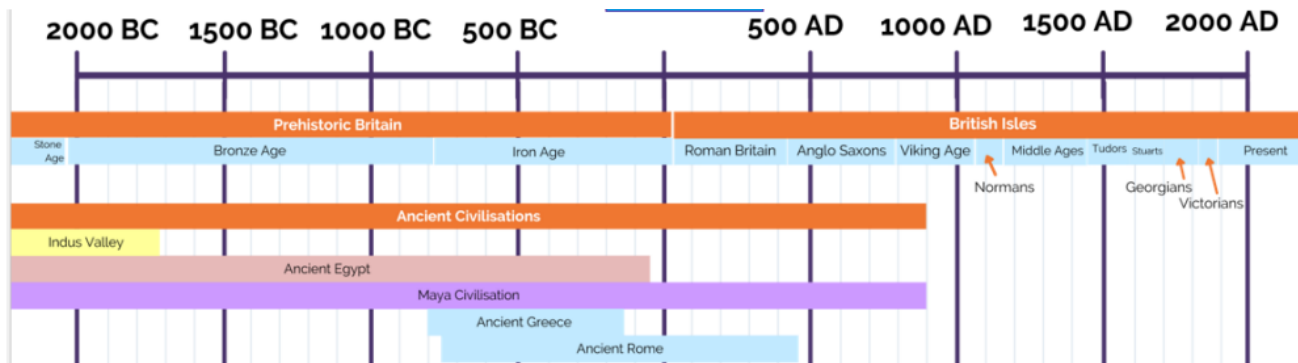


Iron Age



Glossary

- ancestors One from whom an individual, group, or species is descended.
- bronze An alloy of copper and tin and sometimes other elements.
- hillfort Where people lived. They were on top of a hill so that they could see when enemies were approaching.
- hunter gatherer How people got their food. They found it growing wild or hunted and fished for it. They do not grow it.
- Neanderthal A primate mammal that belongs to the same family as human beings.
- roundhouse Bronze Age people lived and worked in circular dwellings known as roundhouses. These houses consisted of walls made of wooden or stone posts - filled in with wattle-and-daub (a mixture of twigs, earth and clay), and a thatched roof.
- tribe A tribe is a group of people who live and work together in a shared geographical area. A tribe has a common culture, dialect and religion.



Skara Brae was discovered in 1850 and it was thought to be dated back to the Stone Age.



Hillforts were designed to protect people from enemy tribes. To do this, these settlements were built on higher ground.

